

“Woman has always had one opportunity—the opportunity to work; this one thing has never been denied her. Man has never considered that she was out of her sphere when she toiled in the fields and factories; he has never criticized her for leaving her home for any kind of drudgery. But when she began to enter the professional field and when she began to compete with men in the great work of the world, she was reminded that she was going out of her own sphere and was neglecting her home.”

Annie Wells Cannon, Member of the Utah State Legislature, 1913

“We believe that women are useful, not only to sweep houses, wash dishes, make beds and raise babies, but that they should stand behind the counter, study law or physics, or become good bookkeepers and be able to do the business in any counting, house, and all this to enlarge their sphere of usefulness for the benefit of society at large.”

Brigham Young, First Governor of Utah, 1869

“That great events are about to transpire in which women will perform an active and important revolutionary part we are not afraid to predict. The great question is, is she preparing herself for the position she is destined to occupy and the work which will consequently devolve upon her?”

Emmeline B. Wells, Editor of Utah's The Woman's Exponent, 1880

“The needle and the midnight candle are yet considered by too many, the proper appliances of woman's sphere. Custom also says that if a woman does as much work as a man, and does it well, she must not receive equal pay for it, and therein a wrong is inflicted upon her by the deprivation of a right to which she is justly entitled.”

Eliza R. Snow, Prominent Pioneer and Utah Author, 1872